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17-year Limbo!

Mysore Export Centre building incomplete since 2008

Mysore Industries Association urges Karnataka Chief Secretary to expedite project completion

Mysore Industries Association (MIA) General Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain presenting a memorandum to Chief Secretary Dr. Shalini Rajneesh at Deputy Commissioner's Office in city yesterday accompanied by MIA Committee Members M.V. Ritesh Gowda and Gautam Salecha. Picture alongside shows the incomplete Mysore Export Centre at Hebbal Industrial Area.

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (RK&BCT)- Seventeen years after the ambitious Mysore Export Centre at Hebbal Industrial Area was proposed, the project, touted to be the first of its kind in Karnataka with an Export House and an auditorium for training, remains incomplete.

The project was initiated in 2008 during P. Manivannan's tenure as Mysuru Deputy Commissioner. Although the contract was awarded in 2019 with a deadline for completion by 2021, the building is still unfinished.

During his first stint as Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah, along with the then PWD Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa (now Social Welfare and Mysuru District Minister), laid the foundation stone in 2014. However, administrative delays and setbacks have dragged the project on for 17 years.

The Export Centre was proposed at a cost of Rs. 8 crore, with the Union Government contributing Rs. 4.5 crore, the State Government Rs. 3 crore and stakeholders (industrialists) pooling Rs. 50 lakh.

Planned to span 2,019 sq.mts. with a built-up area of 2,520 sq.mts. across four floors, the Centre was envisioned to host seminars and workshops and permanently showcase the region's products. It was also intended to assist with export promotion activities under one roof.

(See CENTRE on page 7)

More power tariff hike on cards?

Bengaluru, Mar. 25 (KMS & BS)- Days after the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) ordered a 36-paise per unit power tariff hike, effective from April 1, the State Government is now considering an additional increase of 15 to 20 paise per unit. A Government Order in this regard is expected to within a day or two, sources said.

The recent 36-paise hike by KERC aimed to generate funds to cover pension expenses and gratuity payments for retired staff of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) and Electricity Supply Companies (ESComs).

In their appeal to KERC, ESComs had sought a 70 to 90-paise hike per unit to meet expenses related to basic infrastructure and offset mounting losses. With the rising demand for electricity and the pressure to meet supply needs, ESComs highlighted the necessity for enhanced power generation, supply and infrastructure augmentation, justifying their demand for a tariff hike.

Considering this, the KERC is now deliberating on an additional tariff hike of 15 to 20 paise per unit.

Seaplanes set to take off from Kabini as KRS Dam plan shelved

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (R&BCT)- The Karnataka Government's ambitious seaplane project, aimed at boosting tourism under the Centre's Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), is now likely to shift from the backwaters of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya district to Kabini Dam in Mysuru district. The reason: Technical difficulties in operating the plane at KRS Dam.

[Picture for representation only]

State Government officials are now eyeing Kabini Dam due to its technical feasibility and proximity to Mysore Airport at Mandakalli and Mysuru city, which offers better accommodation and recreational options for tourists. Also, Kabini is near the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and the Government intends to promote eco-tourism.

Senior officials have identified four potential locations for the seaplane project: Kabini Reservoir, Supa Dam's Ganeshgudi area, Mangaluru and Sigandur in the Linganamakki Reservoir. These projects are expected to be operational by the end of 2025.

(See SEAPLANES on page 7)

To Our Readers

Star of Mysore will be carrying a regular feature by **Ravi Joshi,** former Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India, on 'Books, Ideas & the People.' Turn to Page-6 for an article titled *'Development as Swaraj: In Theory and Practice.'* **—Ed**

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 25th March 2025

Ugadi and Ramzan special discount sale

Mysuru, Mar. 25-As Ugadi and Ramzan festival offer, a discount sale of branded readymade garments began at Hotel Pai Vista on B.N. Road in city on Mar. 21. The sale is open between 10 am and 10 pm till Mar. 30.

Variety of ladies, gents and kids branded clothes, including shirts, T-shirts, ladies kurtis, sarees, branded blazers are available for sale.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HONEY TRAPPING NASTY, BUT VICTIMS NO SAINTS: ***Karnataka Co-operation Minister K. N. Rajanna has blown the lid off a political scandal so sensational that it could rival the most lurid episode of a prime time soap opera. Speaking in the Assembly, he claimed that 48 bigwigs — leaders at the State and Central levels, as also Judges — have been snared in honey traps, with Rajanna himself being one of the attempted targets. This revelation is neither isolated nor unprecedented.***

Over the past decade, two Ministers were forced to resign after their private indiscretions became public scandals, while a former MP is currently serving time in jail. Honey trapping is typically a covert operation where a target is lured into a compromising situation often through romantic or sexual enticement. The encounter is then secretly recorded, providing material for coercion, blackmail or political manipulation.

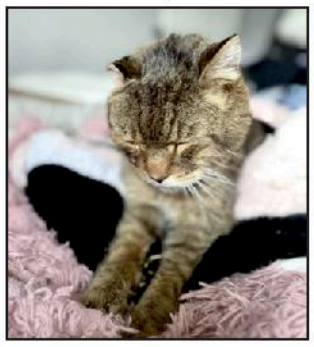
The underlying question remains: who is at fault — those who set the traps, or those who willingly stepped into them? Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar was more pragmatic: *"They say hello only if you say so. Nobody comes if you do not respond."* ***His message is clear: no honey trap succeeds without consent, and those who step into such a trap fail in judgement and character.***

It is unfortunate that the legislature's time was consumed by debates on what is essentially preventable personal failings. This is not a State emergency, rather, it is a private disaster for public figures who should have known better. Yes, the honey trap operators must face justice. But so too must those who, entrusted with public responsibility, indulged their weaknesses. If their reputation now hangs in balance, they have none to blame but themselves.

Moral uprightness, and not court orders, should have been their shield. Karnataka's electorate deserves better than legal cover-ups and legislative theatre. They are entitled to leaders with some spine and substance — not those brought to their knees by seduction. These politicians need to be exposed. If they cannot bear the sting, they should not dance with the bees. *—In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Missing cat turns up after seven years!



Ontario: A woman was reunited with her beloved pet cat seven years and four months after he went missing, thanks to the animal's microchip.

The Windsor/Essex Humane Society said on social media that the cat, named Julio, went missing in November 2017.

The shelter said Julio "somehow managed to avoid getting caught" despite being microchipped and his owner conducting a wide-reaching search that even involved multiple public notices being posted.

Julio turned up at the shelter during the weekend and was scanned for a microchip, which revealed his owner's information.

"I had given up hope. I am still in shock," the cat's owner told shelter officials. She said that his rediscovery after such a long period of time is "proof that we should never give up hope."

Girlfriend's hand stuck in man's mouth

Beijing: Doctors at a hospital in Jilin, China, recently reported one of their most bizarre cases yet – a woman who had gotten her hand stuck in her boyfriend's mouth while trying to film a funny video.

They had tried to shoot a funny video to post online in which they tried to see if the woman's hand was small enough to fit in her boyfriend's mouth. She managed to stuff her fist in his mouth just fine, but when she tried to pull it out, his mouth muscles stiffened and the hand became stuck. After repeatedly trying to pull out her hand from the man's mouth, the young woman decided that they needed medical attention. Later, the doctors somehow managed to remove the hand.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Apart from acting as a filter, kidneys also produce various hormones which regulate bodily functions. Renin is one such hormone which is responsible for high blood pressure.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Bags Excellence Award

EuroKids School in Yadavagiri, Mysuru, has been honoured with the prestigious Excellence Award for 20 years of dedication to early childhood education, unwavering commitment to quality education, innovation and child safety. Picture shows edupreneur Mita P. Shah of EuroKids receiving the award from renowned actress Sonali Bendre along with Director Praful K. Shah and CEO of Lighthouse Learning Pvt. Ltd., Prajodh Rajan, at a ceremony held at Grand Hyatt in Mumbai recently.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **106.48 feet**	Today's level **2,270.49 feet**	Today's level **2,834.30 feet**
Last year's level **86.54 feet**	Last year's level **2,265.95 feet**	Last year's level **2,827.95 feet**
Yesterday's level **106.95 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,270.58 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,834.34 feet**
Today's Inflow **146 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **93 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **84 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **5,017 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Blue whales can grow more than 100 feet long.*
- *The blue whale's heart is huge. It's the largest heart in the animal kingdom, weighing about 400 pounds (180 kilograms) — about the same weight as a gorilla and roughly the size of a bumper car. As a blue whale dives to feed, its giant heart may only beat twice per minute.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Noel: I go to school every morning at 9 'O' clock.
Walt: On the dot?
Noel: No, on the bus!

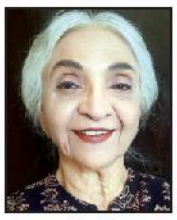
TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.69
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 110.92
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.33
1 Euro	= Rs. 92.88

VOICE OF THE READER

Tribute to India's first female Ambassador

Accolades to *Star of Mysore*



Girija

Muthamma

Sir,

I was both startled and delightfully surprised to open *Star of Mysore* yesterday evening. My accolades to K.B. Ganapathy and *SOM* for the tribute to India's first female Ambassador C.B Muthamma.

I am deeply honoured that *SOM* chose to reprint my article *('A Toast to Diplomats' first published in SOM dated July 26, 2022)* in its issue dated Mar. 24, 2025.

Muthamma was a role model and mentor to both women and men in the IFS as well as all those who knew her.

She possessed unflinching courage and unshakeable honesty (the real Kodava spirit!).

She made it possible for many women to attain their aspirations by clearing a path for them by fighting for the rights of women.

An iconic figure to all women in the IFS and outside, she fought and won a lonely battle for us in a conservative and male-dominated service.

Now there are so many women officers in the IFS that our Association, once, called... "Wives Association" is now "Spouses Association."

—Girija Madhavan
Yadavagiri
25.3.2025

NOTE: *Girija Madhavan, who has a long-time relationship with SOM, celebrated her 87th birthday on Mar.8, coinciding with International Women's Day celebrations. Here is wishing her a belated happy birthday.* **—Ed**

Akshata Ganesh: Loved by both teachers and students

Sir,

This refers to the International Women's Day feature on Akshata Ganesh titled *"From Classroom to Camera"* in *Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 18.

Akshata

I want to proudly say that she was a student of St. Philomena's College where I taught her Journalism and Mass Communication for three years as the Head of the Department.

She was the Tomboy of the college, very bold, strong, outgoing and bright. Loved equally by both teachers and students. She went on to become a good orator, communicator, anchor, programme host by developing good command over both English and Kannada languages.

Though I wish her to pursue her dreams of becoming an actor, she would be a fantastic college professor.

—Dr. Sukanya Malloli
T.K. Layout
19.3.2025

Women's Day at MRC Eye Hospital

International Women's Day was celebrated at Mysore Race Club (MRC) Eye Hospital recently in the presence of MRC Charitable Trust Chairman G. Venkatesh, Managing Trustee Dr. T. Vijayakumar, Trustee Dr. M.V. Venu, Secretary M. Rahul Dev and others.

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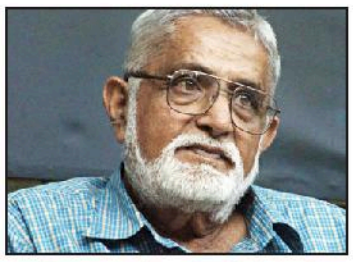
Tejaswi's childhood tales add warmth to 'Mayaloka' launch



Poornachandra Tejaswi

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. Krishna Murthy Chandar, Kuvempu's daughter Tarini Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University Prof. Chidananda Gowda and Prof. K.C. Belliappa seen releasing the book at a function held at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium in city.***

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (RK&BCT)- The English translation of K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi's novel 'Mayaloka', translated by Dr. Krishna Murthy Chandar, was officially launched at an event organised by Mysore Literary Association at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium in Vijayanagar 4th Stage on Sunday.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University, Prof. Chidananda Gowda, released the book. The first copy of English edition was presented to Kuvempu's daughter Tarini Chidananda Gowda by Dr. Chandar.

Reflecting on old memories, Tarini recalled how her brother, Tejaswi, had gifted her the very first edition of 'Mayaloka' with a heartfelt inscription.

Sharing a nostalgic yet disheartening memory, she said, "I had read half the book. Once, while travelling with my family by bus to my mother's house, I carried it along. During the journey, however, someone stole both my and my husband's suitcases. Along with them, the 'Mayaloka' book gifted to me by Tejaswi also disappeared."

She expressed her sorrow over losing the treasured first edition, which her brother had inscribed with the words: "To my beloved sister, from her brother." Despite the loss, she expressed happiness at receiving the first copy of the English-translated version from Dr. Chandar. With affection, she added, "I had read half of the Kannada original; now, I will finally complete the book with this version."

Farming family life

Tarini also reminisced about their farming family's vibrant life, where they raised chickens, sheep, dogs, cows and oxen in abundance. She fondly recalled her mischievous brother Tejaswi, known for his knack for humour.

Driven by his love for the outdoors, Tejaswi once took money from home, promising to buy chicks at the local market. Accompanied by another brother, he found the chick prices too high. Instead, spotting ducklings being sold at half the price, he bought them.

When questioned at home, Tejaswi cheekily explained, "The chicks were too expensive for their size. So, I got these larger ducklings for half the price!" His witty justification left the entire family in fits of laughter, Tarini recalled.

Tarini went on to share another fond memory, recalling how, while raising ducklings, the family would often tell the children not to make them run around, fearing they might tire out. However, when someone remarked, "If ducklings run, they'll lay eggs," the kids cheekily replied, "That's why we make them run!"

She also recounted an amusing childhood incident during a holiday visit to their grandmother's house. While they were there, a cow was about to give birth to a calf. To avoid disturbing the cow, the elders sent all the children outside to play. After the calf was born, cleaned, and fed by its mother, the elders called the kids back in to see it.

To their surprise, Poornachandra Tejaswi and his brothers revealed that they had already been watching the entire event from the attic. Their unexpected confession left everyone stunned, wondering how and when the mischievous siblings had sneaked in unnoticed.

Tarini fondly shared these playful childhood memories, offering a glimpse into her brother Tejaswi's mischievous spirit.

The event was presided over by Prof. K.C. Belliappa, President of Mysore Literary Association and former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. Prof. Chidananda Gowda spoke about Tejaswi's literary works, while retired Police Officer J.B. Rangaswamy reminisced about Tejaswi's life and contributions.

'Sri Vasudev Maharaj Sadbhavana Award' conferred

Karunamayi Foundation Hon. President N. Sridhar Dikshit and Vedic scholar Dr. V. Bhanuprakash Sharma of Srirangapatna, were conferred with 'Sri Vasudev Maharaj Sadbhavana Award-2025' by Vasudev Maharaj Foundation, Mysuru, at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday. Mysuru Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Vasudev Maharaj Foundation (Bengaluru) President Dr. Gururaj Poshettyhalli, Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple CEO K.R. Yoganarasimhan, M.V Nagendra Babu, N. Ananth and others were present on the occasion.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

A tribute to our beloved teacher

Anita Ravindra

A former student pays homage to his teacher from Demonstration School on this Women's Day

On October 18, 2023, in the grandeur of the Crawford Hall at the University of Mysore, amidst an esteemed gathering of senior academicians, professors and students, entered Anita Madam, 55-year-young teacher, bravely battling health ailments, yet wearing a smile as she received her Doctor of Philosophy in Education.

Anita Ravindra

The crowd erupted in applause, as this Ph.D was no ordinary achievement, and at her age, it was nothing short of a miracle.

Through years of struggle with physical disability, overcoming cancer, fighting harassment and injustice, all while teaching economics and moulding students into responsible citizens, being the voice of physically challenged community, her life was truly extraordinary. Her perseverance to achieve her dreams, determination to overcome injustice and humility — marked by love, care, and kindness toward everyone she met — defined her character. She motivated students to inculcate social consciousness and responsibility, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her.

EARLY DAYS

Anita Madam was born like any other child, but fate had other plans. At just six, she suffered a gruesome accident when a lorry ran over her, resulting in the loss of her left hand and left leg.

During treatment, exposure to high doses of medication also left her partially hearing impaired. Despite challenges, she remained undeterred, pursuing her dreams to become a valuable contributor to society.

She pursued her schooling in various towns and cities across Karnataka and obtained a Master's in Economics from Bangalore University. Her love for teaching and children led her to pursue a teaching career at Demonstration School (DMS), Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru. For over 32 years, she has not only imparted lessons in economics but also inspired students to become responsible citizens of India.

AS A TEACHER

Anita Madam was popularly known as AR Madam. Her focus was to inculcate discipline, a strong value system, as well as constitutional values and fundamental duties among all students.

Alongside her regular academic work, she wholeheartedly engaged in student activities. I remember, she initiated the oath-taking ceremony on fundamental duties back in 2002 and was also instrumental in forming DMS Alumni Association.

Indiscipline was something she firmly stood against, and her values left a lasting impression on her students. One incident I recall from my 9th grade was that she would never tolerate any student wasting, throwing away, or not eating their lunch from home.

She would remind students of the struggles of mothers, fathers and farmers who worked hard to ensure we had the privilege of lunch on our plates. This lesson has had a long-lasting impact on thousands of students, including me.

Every time she walked in to teach, she was energised and passionate about her work. She emphasised practical learning and encouraged students to conduct physical census to enhance their grassroots exposure.

In 2004, during a Teachers' Day celebration organised by students, Anita Madam's participation in musical chair and other events was the most enthusiastic of all. She was full of life, lived her profession with joy and her character was a source of inspiration for students.

She was curious about everything happening around her. Every time I met her, she would ask about how to make videos on YouTube to teach others, what LinkedIn is, how she could connect with her students digitally and countless other topics. She made sure to learn newer innovations to stay updated.

PHASE OF STRUGGLE

The saying "Life is unfair" resonates with many, but the degree of unfairness varies for each individual. For Anita Madam, it wasn't just the battle with physical disabilities; it was the mockery and harassment faced by physically challenged, the limitations of public spaces for the disabled, cancer and many other obstacles that made it difficult for her to live a normal, peaceful life.

Anita Madam always strived to be self-reliant and independent, a quality that was deeply ingrained in her personality. Dependence on family or public transport limited her freedom to pursue her interests, but the fighter in her refused to let limitations hold her back.

After researching, evaluating and testing various mobility options, including EV cars, Anita Madam began using a specially designed two-wheeler, which helped her overcome commuting struggles. This allowed her to seamlessly travel to school, teach, pursue her Ph.D and become well-integrated into society.

BATTLING CHALLENGES

It's easier to overcome physical challenges, but mental and inhumane treatment leaves an everlasting impact. Unfortunately, the injustice led to legal battles.

It was not an easy journey, with systemic delays, administrative apathy and multiple court visits stretching out the litigation for years. Anita Madam's fight was not just her own; it was for all those who silently suffered, in the hope of building a more inclusive society for both women and the disabled.

At the same time, her passion for education and aspiration led her to enrol in the Ph.D programme at the University of Mysore's Department of Education. She worked tirelessly, researching, studying, teaching and taking care of her family.

While settling into normalcy, she was diagnosed with cancer, another unexpected and unplanned barrier in her path. However, the fighter in her never gave up. While her body grew weak, her spirit remained high.

While battling cancer and undergoing treatment, she worked on her thesis and ensured that she took her teaching classes regularly, so that her students never suffered. Her dedicated efforts, despite the draining toll it took on her, were finally rewarded with a Ph.D. Though she was able to overcome cancer, fate had other plans. *[Dr. Anita Ravindra passed away on Jan. 22, 2025, aged 57].*

GIVING BACK TO SOCIETY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, while we made efforts to stay safe and avoided venturing outside, Anita Madam, along with her husband M.S. Ravindra, distributed grocery kits to Divyangjans, an effort that was also recognised by the Government of India. This is just a small example of her endless contributions to society.

Through her academic work, she made efforts to include sign language as part of inclusive education, raising awareness among students about the needs of the physically challenged.

She has helped many physically challenged youth gain access to education and jobs across various sectors. She also leveraged her students working in large MNCs to identify opportunities for the physically challenged.

Anita Madam strongly believed that persons with disabilities are on par with others, all they need was moral support. She was the voice of disabled individuals and a role model for many. Throughout her career, she received numerous awards and accolades in recognition of her contributions.

SUPPORT PILLAR

"Behind every successful man, there is a woman," is a popular saying, but the reverse applies to Anita Madam. Her ability to fight, overcome challenges and support her decisions would not have been possible without the unwavering support of her pillar, Ravindra, and her loving son, Aditya.

Ravindra is well-known in the cricketing community and among the BEML community. The only regret she ever expressed was that her family members had to suffer because of her challenges, something she never wanted.

To summarise, some of the life lessons from Anita Madam are: To be self-reliant and independent without being a burden to others; to understand that being privileged comes with the responsibility to help those in need in society; to never bow down in the face of injustice, and always fight it with courage and confidence; to not let limitations restrict one's aspirations, but to work harder to achieve one's dreams; and above all, to smile, treat others with warmth and be full of energy and life.

To Anita Madam

While you have left for the heavenly abode, your fighting spirit will always remain in the lives you have touched. May your soul rest in peace.

From one of your students whom you inspired...

—Nitin Ningaiah

Scenic Bogadi Lake drowns in waste

Lake's beauty buried under garbage and official neglect

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (PM&BCT)- Once a potential haven for nature lovers, Bogadi Lake now stands as a symbol of official apathy and environmental degradation. Despite being restored over a decade ago, the lake is choking under a blanket of silt, invasive vegetation and mounting garbage, with its once-pristine waters reduced to a murky, polluted stretch.

Had the authorities ensured regular upkeep, Bogadi Lake could have blossomed into a serene escape for locals and a sanctuary for aquatic life and migratory birds. It could have mirrored the charm of other well-maintained lakes, attracting tourists and serving as a vital green lung for the city. Instead, it lies in disrepair — choked with silt, overgrown with wild vegetation and largely devoid of water.

The invasive water hyacinth has taken over vast portions of lake, suffocating native aquatic species. The lake's banks, once envisioned for leisurely walks, now resemble a garbage dump, with plastic waste and construction debris piling up.

A dumping yard in disguise

Bogadi Lake's northern banks, near Sri Siddalingeshwara Nagar, have turned into an open dumping yard. Despite the construction of a well-laid road and gated entry points intended for public access, the area is now plagued by waste and stench. The gates, once meant to welcome visitors, now frame a view of filth and decay.

In some instances, garbage collected near the gates is set on fire, creating a crematorium-like atmosphere, with charred plastic and noxious fumes polluting the surroundings.

The lake's walking paths, meant for fitness enthusiasts and nature lovers, are now engulfed by wild overgrowth, making them nearly impassable.

Haven for miscreants

The neglected lake area has become a hotspot for miscreants. Empty liquor bottles, cigarette packs and leftover food — including meat dishes — litter the premises, creating an uninviting and unsafe environment. Once a refuge for migratory birds, the lake now sees fewer winged visitors, driven away by pollution and human interference.

Adding to the ecological damage, untreated, polluted water continues to flow into the lake, endangering whatever aquatic life remains. Environmentalists fear that many species may have already perished due to contamination.

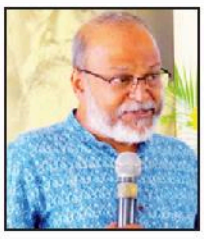
Lakes once played a crucial role in rural Karnataka, serving as lifelines for livestock, agriculture and daily household needs. But with rapid urbanisation, their significance has dwindled.

For aquatic life and birds, however, these lakes remain essential. Tragically, Bogadi Lake now stands as a testament to how neglect and mismanagement can turn a vital water body into a wasteland.

Government-induced degradation

To make matters worse, the construction of the Anthropological Survey of India's Manav Bhavan near the lake has drawn the ire of environmentalists, who allege that it has further disrupted the lake's ecosystem. Piles of construction debris along the roadside have only worsened the lake's condition. Despite being restored by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in 2012-13, the lake has been abandoned by both MUDA and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Local residents express frustration over the Government's indifference, as other lakes in the city receive attention and periodic maintenance, while Bogadi Lake is left to deteriorate.



"Bogadi Lake, approximately 399 years old, boasts significant water storage capacity. Rainwater from the Vijayanagar and Hinkal areas flows into this lake, helping maintain its water levels. It is also part of the larger Lingambudhi Lake catchment system, which spans 22 sq.kms."

—Prof. U.N. Ravikumar, Water Conservation Expert

"The MCC has submitted a proposal under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme, seeking funds from the Central Government for the development and conservation of several lakes in Mysuru. Among them, Rs. 7 crore has been requested specifically for Bogadi Lake. We are awaiting the Government's approval for the grant."

—K.J. Sindhu, Superintending Engineer, Mysuru City Corporation

Expert laments lost potential

Water conservationist Prof. U.N. Ravikumar, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, revealed that the lake was once restored with State Government funds, which facilitated the construction of a walking path and other amenities. However, the absence of regular maintenance rendered these efforts futile.

Even the once-functional water purification system, designed to treat polluted water before releasing it into the lake, has been neglected, further contributing to water contamination.

Bogadi Lake is on verge of total ecological collapse. Without early intervention, it risks becoming a stagnant pool of waste — a tragic fate for what once held promise of being a picturesque and thriving water body. It is high time the authorities prioritise the lake's restoration before its beauty is lost forever.

Booktalk

Development as 'Swaraj' In Theory and Practice

By Ravi Joshi
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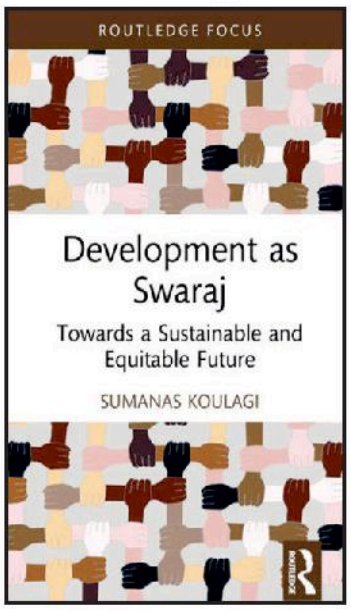
Human societies, inspired by the ideas of great philosophers, social and political reformers have often tried out different methods of organising societies with varying paradigms. In so doing, they questioned the organising principles of their society and tried to change its dominant norms and values.

Gandhiji, a philosopher and a political reformer combined, evolved his own manifesto to shape and guide the lives of his countrymen in 1909 in a small booklet called *'Hind Swaraj.'* For him gaining political independence from the colonial Masters was only the first step towards *Poorna Swaraj,* which included first and foremost 'self-rule' over one's own mind and body, control over one's desires, greed, anger and other passions.

Gandhiji was greatly influenced by the book *'Unto This Last'* by John Ruskin and *'The Kingdom of God is Within You'* by Leo Tolstoy that in 1904, five years before he wrote *'Hind Swaraj,'* he fundamentally changed his way of life and established what was to be his first Ashram, called the *Phoenix Settlement,* near Durban, capital of Natal Province in South Africa. This was in affirmation of the core principles that moved him: rejection of the modern civilisation as 'a disease,' ending the **exploitative relationship between the Capitalist and worker,** social equality of all and the supremacy of manual labour.

Among the objectives of the settlers on Phoenix farm were: to order one's life so as to earn a living through handicrafts and agriculture without the aid of machinery, to promote better understanding between peoples, to live a pure life and thereby set an example for others, to **introduce vernacular education,** to propagate the philosophy of **'nature treatment'** in the medical field and to train people and start a journal for the advancement of those ideas.

When we talk of Gandhiji, most young readers would say 'the past is a foreign country and things are done differently there' but one young Mysurean — **Dr. Sumanas Koulagi** — would respectfully and vehemently disagree.



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He knows that Gandhiji was not merely an **idealist, but an extremely pragmatic thinker** who always practiced what he preached. To him, **Ahimsa and Satyagraha** were not only the means to the goal of *Swarajya* (self-rule) but also were inseparable and integral to achieving it. **But can the ideas of** *Hind Swaraj,* **founded as they are on such lofty ideals, be ever implemented as an Economic Project in today's world?** Yes, says Dr. Sumanas who has studied the theoretical framework for such an economy provided by **Joseph Cornelius Kumarappa,** an Economist and a companion of Gandhiji.

His grandparents Surendra and Girija Koulagi, influenced by the aura and the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi, started such an experiment in the 1960s near Melukote in Mandya District. The experiment has percolated to Sumanas Koulagi through his father Narendra Koulagi. They were both present at a talk given by Sumanas Koulagi at the **Mysore Open Forum** on Mar.16, 2025, wherein he spoke about his book *'Development as Swaraj: Towards a Sustainable and Equitable Future'* which was his doctoral thesis at the Sussex

Dr. Sumanas Koulagi, Author

University, London.

Today 'Development' is the key mantra of every State, it has become a 'global faith' and a central organising principle that defines global social order. Every State wants to showcase its GDP numbers as the sign of its prosperity and of its governance model. Dr. Sumanas notes that 'the vision of sustainable development is shaped by liberal and utilitarian traditions based on abstract sovereign (autonomous) rational individuals having no connection with others. He contrasts this with the Gandhian notion that the existence of 'self' is a direct result of the contribution of others and that we cannot merely demand rights but have to fulfil our obligation to others. In other words, 'obligation is the source of rights.'

The conflicting notion of 'self' and 'society' in the former state leads to self-centred individualism, a centralised state and economy that promotes inequality and violence both in nature (in the form of environmental crisis) and in society through exploitative and oppressive conditions that lead to civil war and revolutions.

As a counter to this, Dr. Sumanas posits a **'Moral Political Economy'** as the alternative model based on *Hind Swaraj.* Quoting J.C. Kumarappa, he says that 'all moral values can be categorised into 'self-centric' and 'altruistic.'

A society based on 'self-centric values degenerates because of clash of subjective interests; this results in violence and in turn to self-destruction. Whereas 'altruistic' values are 'objective' in nature and rooted in the absolute Truth of cosmic unity. Consequently, in the absence of a clash between subjective interests, society thrives.

The Swaraj Development Vision recommends the control of supply and demand by the State to ensure equilibrium in the production and consumption of goods. **Production is expected to be regulated by 'licensing' and consumption by 'rationing.'** Our economic policies were largely guided by this principle for the first five decades after independence till the economy was pushed to the brink of bankruptcy. Mercifully, the timely economic reforms of Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation in 1991 by the government of P.V. Narasimha Rao saved the country from sinking into bankruptcy.

Undeterred by these winds of change sweeping the country, the Koulagi family continued their experiment in **Janapada Khadi activity of Janapada Seva Trust in Melukote.** It is an utterly novel way of about **fifty families living and working in a moral, non-exploitative, non-violent, social and economic relationship** that is non-hierarchical and almost egalitarian.

In short, this book and the experiment is an attempt by Dr. Sumanas and his family to provide a blue-print of the **Swaraj Development Paradigm** that could be adopted by individuals, communities and Nation-States to attain a non-violent global social order and in turn world peace.

Postscript: It may be mentioned that though Gandhiji held on to the views expressed in '*Hind Swaraj*' even in 1938, in actual fact he did compromise on some key issues like 'machinery,' 'railways,' 'hospitals,' etc. In January 1921, he wrote in '*Young India*' that the Swaraj he had visualised in '*Hind Swaraj*' he wrote in 1909 was not for 1921. Yet his prediction may prove prophetic in the contemporary global context when 'climate change' and 'sustainable development' are posing the biggest challenges for the future of humankind. **An alternative development paradigm may still be the need of the hour.** But is the experiment in Melukote an adequate and sufficient answer, is the question ■

Bhima Jewels' Ugadi offer

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Mysuru, Mar. 25- Ugadi, the festival of new beginnings, prosperity and tradition, is here, and India's leading retail jeweller, Bhima Jewels, is marking the occasion with exclusive festive offers to add sparkle to the celebration at its showroom in Mysuru.

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Abhishek Bindumadhav, Managing Director of Bhima Jewels, stated, "We are delighted to bring festive offers that make high-quality gold, diamond and silver jewellery more accessible to our valued customers during this auspicious season. Ugadi is a festival of prosperity, and what better way to celebrate than with fine jewellery that carries deep cultural significance? Our exclusive offers are designed to bring joy and affordability to all."

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JSS Phone-in on cyber crime

Vishnuvardhana

Mysuru, Mar. 25- JSS Community Radio Station, Mysuru, will hold a phone-in programme tomorrow (Mar. 26) from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana will answer listeners' queries related to cyber crime and cyber safety.

Public may enquire about cyber crime frauds, precautions against cyber crime and how a victim can file complaint, by calling Ph: 0821-2546563 or Mob: 82967-25912.

Listeners may tune in to 91.2 FM or access through JSS Radio App, according to a press release.

BJP protests Dy.CM Shivakumar's remarks on changing Constitution

'While Rahul Gandhi flaunts Constitution, Congress State President makes disparaging remarks about it'

BJP workers, led by Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, staging a protest in front of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue opposite Ashokapuram Police Station in city this morning.

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (GA&BS)- BJP workers, led by Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa and City BJP President L. Nagendra, staged protests at multiple locations in Mysuru today, condemning Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's reported statement on amending the Constitution to enable contract reservations for Muslim contractors.

MLA Srivatsa, along with scores of party workers, staged a demonstration in front of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue opposite Ashokapuram Police Station on Adichunchanagiri Road.

The protesters paid floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar's statue and raised slogans branding the Congress as anti-Constitution while calling Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC President, averse to the Constitution.

"No one is above the Constitution. Issuing statements based on religion while holding office is highly condemnable. The Congress is trying to turn Karnataka into another Jammu," Srivatsa alleged.

He demanded the arrest of Shivakumar, accusing him of making the Constitution-related statement to divert attention from his alleged links to a honey-trapping racket. Srivatsa also urged the police to register a *suo motu* case against Shivakumar.

Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent gesture of carrying a copy of the Constitution in his pocket, Srivatsa criticised the contradiction, saying, "While Rahul flaunts the Constitution, his own party's State President makes disparaging remarks about it."

Former Mayor Shivakumar, former Deputy Mayor V. Shailendra, BJP Krishnaraja Constituency President Gopalraje Urs, BJP Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda, leaders Jogi Manju and Pradeep Kumar were among the participants.

Meanwhile, L. Nagendra, also a former MLA, led the BJP Chamaraja Constituency protest near Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue at Rangacharlu Memorial Town Hall. The protesters attempted to tear down portraits of Shivakumar but were stopped by the Police.

Rural Committee protests

BJP Rural Committee workers from Varuna and T. Narasipur, led by District Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, staged a protest at Hale Kempaiahanahundi Circle. They also set an effigy of Shivakumar on fire.

BJP's 2023 Assembly candidate from T. Narasipur Dr. Revanna, Varuna Constituency President Nagarle Mahadeva Swamy, T. Narasipur Constituency President Sathyappa and other leaders were present.

Congress Spokesperson denies charges

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (BLU&BS)- KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana has refuted allegations that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar made a statement about amending the Constitution to provide contract reservations for Muslims.

Addressing the media at Indira Gandhi Congress Bhavan in Mysuru this afternoon, Lakshmana accused the BJP of fabricating the controversy for political gain.

"In the last 24 hours, the BJP has created an uproar over Shivakumar's alleged remark to score political points. The issue of Muslim reservation in contracts has made headlines at both the State and National levels, with the BJP deliberately raking it up," Lakshmana said.

No hike in Nandini milk price for now

Bengaluru, Mar. 25 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah yesterday held a meeting over the proposal of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) to hike the price of Nandini milk by Rs. 5 per litre. However, the CM has refused to cow down to the persistent demand of KMF to effect a hike.

The CM is learnt to have told the KMF Officials that, the Milk Federations should ensure that the farmers make a profit, without eyeing on its own profits. Any price hike must directly benefit the farmers. However, the proposal will be discussed before the Cabinet, before taking a call.

In a tweet, Chief Minister has said, he held a meeting with KMF Chairman and Presidents of District Milk Unions Limited and their Managing Directors, and heard their demands, before issuing certain instructions.

Mysore Export Centre

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Appeal to Chief Secretary

Highlighting the long-pending proposal to build Mysore Export Centre, a delegation of the Mysore Industries Association (MIA), led by MIA Gen. Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, met State Chief Secretary Dr. Shalini Rajneesh at the Mysuru DC's Office yesterday.

The delegation discussed strategies for promoting and developing export businesses in the Mysuru region. Under the Central Government's Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) scheme, the proposal was made to construct the Export Centre on the MIA's CA site near Ring Road in the Hebbal Industrial Area, Suresh Kumar Jain told the Chief Secretary.

The Central Government allocated Rs. 3 crore, while the State Government earmarked Rs. 1 crore for the project. Of the sanctioned funds, Rs. 30 lakh from the State Government and Rs. 50,000 from the MIA were utilised to initiate construction.

Only basement work complete

The contractor received the work order on May 28, 2019 and completed the basement work by January 2021 before halting the project, the Chief Secretary was informed.

Despite the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) extending the contract period until March 21, 2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the contractor failed to resume work.

Over the past three years, the incomplete structure has deteriorated due to exposure to rain and wind. Suresh Kumar Jain urged the Chief Secretary to direct KIADB to restart construction promptly. The meeting with the Chief Secretary was attended by DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and entrepreneurs Gautham Salecha and Ritesh Gowda.

The Chief Secretary was told that once the Mysore Export Centre comes up, it will be the State's first full-fledged centre. The export market turnover in Mysuru is expected to increase in leaps and bounds.

Following the request, Shalini Rajneesh assured that the matter would be reviewed with the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, and appropriate instructions would be issued to KIADB officials. Later, the Chief Secretary also spoke to M. Mahesh, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Member of KIADB asking him to speed up the construction process.

Seaplanes set to take off

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To expedite the project, the Ports and Inland Water Transport Department has initiated meetings with interested air operators to fast-track the construction and launch of water aerodromes. This initiative is spearheaded by the Karnataka State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC).

20 routes across India

According to sources, SpiceJet is keen to operate seaplanes in Kabini and plans to launch seaplane services across approximately 20 routes in various States by 2025.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation is spearheading water aerodrome projects in select States, with Karnataka preparing to implement the initiative. The project is essentially a Central Government undertaking, with the State Government facilitating its execution. However, it is still in the planning phase and may take at least six months for any concrete developments.

A Central team visited Kabini around six months ago to assess its feasibility. Reportedly, they are also exploring ferry-like transportation options as part of the project.

Chandrashekhar, Executive Engineer of Kabini Dam, confirmed that while discussions are ongoing at the highest levels of the Tourism Department, no official communication has been made locally. "There is no communication to us in this regard from the higher officers. If at all there is a plan to operate seaplanes from Kabini, we will extend full cooperation as it is a Government project," he said.

In November 2024, a team from the Ports and Inland Water Transport Department visited KRS Dam to inspect the facilities for the seaplane project. It was announced that the first seaplane would land on the KRS backwaters on Nov. 10, with a planned take off from Mysore Airport carrying 19 tourists.

However, the take off and landing were called off due to technical issues. KRS officials confirmed that since November, no official communication has been received regarding the project, indicating that the KRS seaplane plan has been shelved.

NEWS BRIEFS

Inauguration

Three classrooms and toilet block will be inaugurated at the Government Lower Primary School in Shyadanahalli, Mysuru, at 10.30 am on Mar. 28. Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda will be the chief guest. Mysuru Rural BEO M. Prakasha, Round Table India (RTI) National Projects Convenor Tr. Pravesh Jain and Area 13 Area Chairman Tr. Kumarpal M. Jain will be the guests of honour. Mysore Amity Round Table (MART)-156 Chairman LMF Tr. Daksh Doulatram and Mysore Amity Ladies Circle (MALC)-108 Chairperson Cr. Anusha Suraj will be present, according to a press release.

Free yoga and pranayama classes

Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, will be conducting Free Yoga and Pranayama Classes from Apr. 10 at Vivekananda Kendra, 3830, 1st Main, Jayanagar, Mysuru, from 6 am to 7 am and 6 pm to 7 pm. For details, contact Mob: 94494-88228, according to a press release from Vivekananda Kendra.

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TODAY'S MATCH
MAR. 25

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7.30 pm

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MAR. 26

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Barsapara Stadium, Guwahati, Assam
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Railway Co-operative Bank Recruitment

Candidate alleges fraud in examination process

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (BCT)- A complaint has been filed at the Mandi Mohalla Police Station regarding alleged irregularities in the recruitment process of the Railway Co-operative Bank, Mysuru. The complainant, Jinnambe, a resident of Nagamangala in Mandya district, has questioned the fairness of the process.

The complaint names several individuals, including P. Mahesh, an official in the Co-operative Department; Dr. Jagannath L. Rathod, a Professor at Karnatak University (Dharwad) Post-Graduate Centre, Karwar, who conducted the exams; Dr. S. Marigowda, Principal of Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, who served as the exam supervisor; D.R. Kumuda, an invigilator for Room 3A at the exam centre; and the then Bank President, M. Yathiraju, among others.

According to Jinnambe's complaint, the Railway Co-operative Bank issued a recruitment notification for 21 posts in June 2023. She applied for the posts of senior cashier, junior clerk and office assistant, and appeared for the written exam at Vidyavardhaka Law and Degree College in Mysuru on March 10, 2024. She was allotted Room 3A for the examination.

Missing OMR sheet copy

During the written test, Jinnambe noticed that the carbon copy (duplicate) of the OMR sheet for the senior cashier's position was missing.

"When I questioned invigilator Kumuda about the missing carbon copy, she claimed that the Dharwad University Examination Division, which supplied the sheets, does not provide duplicates. Exam supervisor Marigowda reiterated the same and warned me that if I continued to question or cause a disturbance, I would be removed from the exam hall," Jinnambe stated in her complaint.

Interview by Bank President

"A few days later, instead of releasing the key answers for the examination, a merit list was directly published, where my name appeared in Serial Number 2. Following this, I received an interview call letter and attended the interview on June 14. Surprisingly, the interview was conducted by the then Bank President, Yathiraju, without the presence of a representative from the Co-operative Department," Jinnambe stated.

"During the interview, when I again inquired about the missing OMR sheet copy and the non-publication of key answers, I was told that the documents had been handed over to Dr. Jagannath Rathod, the Administrative Officer of Karnatak University Post-Graduate Centre, Karwar. I was assured that the information would be shared if he returned the documents," she wrote in her complaint.

Correct answers in small font

Later, on June 21, Jinnambe received another call letter for a second interview, this time conducted by Mahesh, the Co-operative Department's representative. The final recruitment selection list was published on July 1, 2024.

"Subsequently, upon obtaining and reviewing the recruitment notification, answer sheet, all versions of the key answers for the senior cashier's position, and the certified merit list of candidates, I discovered that the English version of the question paper contained 50 questions, each with four options. However, the correct answers were printed in small font, allowing individuals to mark the desired option as needed," she mentioned in the complaint.

No correspondence with University

Through an RTI request filed with the DPAR Division of Karnatak University, Jinnambe learned that there was no official correspondence between the University and the Railway Co-operative Bank regarding the recruitment process.

Additionally, no officers or staff from the University had been assigned to oversee the examination. It was revealed that Dr. Jagannath Rathod, without the University's approval, had conducted the Railway Bank recruitment exam using the seal of the Karwar Post-Graduate Centre's Administrative Officer, she alleged in her complaint.

"Through another RTI request, I sought information from Dr. Jagannath Rathod regarding this matter. He stated that all related documents were handed over to the bank officials after the examination. He also claimed there were no errors in the OMR sheet entries," Jinnambe stated.

"The responsibility of selecting external agencies to conduct examinations lies with the representative of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. However, violating regulations, fake documents were created and the examination was fraudulently conducted to recruit individuals of their choice and preference," she detailed in her Police complaint.

Attempt to burgle house at Subramanyanagar

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (RK&KS)- An attempt to burgle the house of the Assistant Professor at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) was foiled as the Professor's ailing mother screamed for help forcing the burglar to flee from the house.

The attempted burglary took place at the house of Dr. Vasanthalakshmi at Subramanyanagar in Hebbal 1st Stage in city.

On Mar. 20, at about 3.30 pm, when Dr. Vasanthalakshmi had gone to the Institute and her husband Sundaraj was in his computer centre at K.G. Koppal, the burglar, who came in the guise of delivering a courier, called the name of Sundaraj many times. As no one responded, the burglar, using a metal object, forcible opened the front door and entered inside.

Meanwhile, Dr. Vasanthalakshmi's mother, who was sleeping in her room, heard the sound of the door being forcibly opened and someone entering the house, screamed "Police, Police," resulting in the burglar fleeing from the house. Her neighbours, on hearing her screams, rushed to the house.

Sundaraj said that similar incidents have taken place in the last two months in the locality.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Crime and Traffic, S. Jahnavi, Vijayanagar Sub-Division Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Raviprasad and staff from Hebbal Police Station, who reached the house, conducted mahazar, collected footages of CCTV cameras installed in the house and registered a case in this regard.

2022 Nanjangud double murder

Man sentenced to life

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (RK&KS)- City's 7th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to life imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs. 10,000 after the Court found him guilty of murdering two women.

The man was also sentenced to an additional three years in jail and a fine of Rs. 5,000 was imposed on him on charges of destroying evidence.

The man, who was sentenced for life is Rangaswamy alias Kariya, a resident of Bilugali village in Nanjangud taluk.

Rangaswamy, who came to know that his wife was having an affair with his neighbour Rajesh, went to the latter's house to question him during which Rangaswamy was abused with foul language and was humiliated.

Angered over this, Rangaswamy, on June 15, 2022 at about 1.30 pm, hacked Rangaswamy's mother and sister Mani with a machete, pushed the bodies into Addahalla waters in a bid to destroy evidence, robbed the gold ornaments from the dead bodies and had pawned them at the pawn shop belonging to one Mahendra Kumar Jain in T. Narasipur.

The then Nanjangud Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, who investigated the case, had submitted the chargesheet to the Court.

Judge M. Ramesh, who took up the case, heard the arguments from both sides, found Rangaswamy guilty of committing the crime and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Public Prosecutor K. Nagaraj argued on behalf of the Government.

Obituary

H.N. Prabhakar

Pandavapura, Mar. 25- H.N. Prabhakar (50), son of late Narayana Gowda and a resident of Krishna Nagar, passed away yesterday in the town.

He leaves behind his wife Kumari, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land in Pandavapura this morning, according to family sources.

State Election Commissioner's visit sparks buzz on MCC polls

G.S. Sangreshi

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (RK&BS)- State Election Commissioner G.S. Sangreshi held a discussion with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif here yesterday, kindling hopes on announcing the elections to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State including MCC anytime soon.

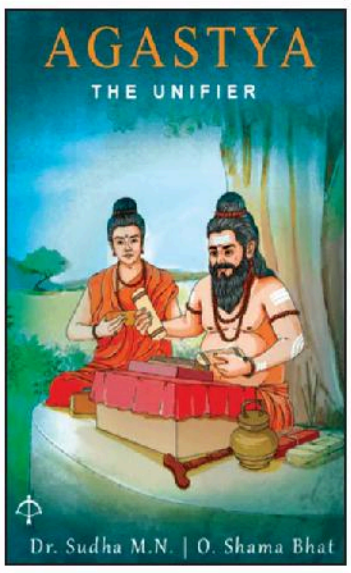
Sangreshi visited the MCC office on New Sayyaji Rao Road and was closeted with MCC Commissioner for some time, during which the former collected the details regarding impending MCC elections from the latter, it is said.

The details related to the schedule of previous MCC elections, the expiry of tenure of previous MCC Council, reservation matrix fixed for the candidates of all the 65 Wards of MCC, reservation matrix announced for Mayor and Deputy Mayor, ward-wise electoral roll, timely revision of voter's list and the final electoral roll after revising the list and several other details were collected during the meeting between the two Officials.

Addressing media persons later at a hotel here, Sangreshi said, in a letter written to the Govt., it has been instructed to announce a notification, along with reservation matrix to conduct the polls before May 31, to all City Corporations, Town Municipal Councils (TMC), City Municipal Councils (TMCs), Town Panchayats (TPs), Zilla Panchayats (ZPs) and Taluk Panchayats (TPs), the term of which have expired.

'Agastya: The Unifier' book release tomorrow

Senior Advocate O. Shama Bhat addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday as (from left) Author Dr. M.N. Sudha, former Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. M.N. Nandeesh Hanche, Senior Advocates A.M. Bhaskar and Swamy look on.



Mysuru, Mar. 25 (MTY)-The book *'Agastya: The Unifier,'* co-authored by Dr. M.N. Sudha and O. Shama Bhat, will be released tomorrow (Mar. 26) at a programme to be held at JSS College of Arts, Science and Commerce on Ooty Road in city at 6.15 pm, under the joint aegis of Sri Bramharshi Agastya Lopamudra Jnana Peeta, Mysuru and Ayodhya Publications, Bengaluru.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, Senior Advocate and co-author of the book O. Shama Bhat said that Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji and Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt's Brahmachari Prasadamirita Chaitanya will grace the occasion. *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy will be the chief guest. Bengaluru's Mythic Society President V. Nagaraj will preside.

Author Dr. M.N. Sudha, Senior Advocates A.M. Bhaskar and Swamy, former Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. M.N. Nandeesh Hanche, were present at the press meet.

Award-winning journos felicitated

The award-winning journalists, who were felicitated by Mysore Athletics Club during an event held at a private hotel in city recently — (sitting from left) Star of Mysore and Mysuru Mithra Chief Reporter S.T. Ravikumar (P. Ramaiah Memorial Endowment Award by KUWJ), Sudharma Editor Jayalakshmi (Padma Shri) and Vijayavani Bureau Chief M.R. Satyanarayana (Gommata Media Award) — are seen with (standing from left) journalist Sridhar, K.S. Javarappa, Satish, C.K. Muralidharan, Mysore Athletics Club President Dr. C. Krishna, Secretary M. Yogendra, Joint Secretary Mahadevaiah, Vice-President Dr. Chain Singh, master athlete Ramaswamy, Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society President Narayana V. Hegde and Vice-President Anand Shetty.

Senior advocate Arunkumar appeals CM to introduce inner reservation

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (PM&DM)- Asserting that the Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commission has collected empirical data exhaustively, Senior city-based Advocate M. Arun Kumar, who is also a Madiga community leader, has urged the Government to introduce inner reservation among SC Communities.

Addressing a clarion call gathering of Madiga community members organised at Bengaluru's Freedom Park on Sunday, Arun Kumar alleged that the inner reservation issue is being used as a political ploy to deprive the Madiga community of inner reservation. Asserting that the Governments can introduce inner reservation among SC Communities following the Aug. 1, 2024 Supreme Court order, Arun Kumar said that the Supreme Court in its ruling said that inner reservation can be provided using the empirical data. As such, the States which have such empirical data, can immediately introduce inner reservation and Karnataka is among the top States which has empirical data in hand."

The Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commission, which was formed in 2005 when Dharam Singh was the CM, gave its report after 7 years in 2012 when D.V. Sadananda Gowda of BJP was the CM. Previous BJP Govt. increased SC reservation from 15% to 17%, following which the then Government sent it to the Centre for approval. The BJP Government had recommended to the Centre because there was no Supreme Court order then," he argued.

Pointing out that Congress in its election manifesto in the run up to 2023 Assembly polls, had said that it was not opposed to Sadashiva Commission Report, he said that the report is based on empirical data and as such, the Government should introduce inner reservation.

Taking strong exception to the anti-inner reservation lobby's argument that Sadashiva Commission Report is a closed chapter, he maintained that the Congress Government too is not interested in inner-reservation going by its stance. Arguing that they have not sided with any political party, Arun Kumar said that the Madiga community would take Congress leaders in a procession if the recommendations of A.J. Sadashiva Commission and J.C. Madhuswamy Committee are implemented.

Later, Arun Kumar, along with other Madiga community leaders, Bhaskar Prasad, Pavagada Sririam and others, presented a memorandum to CM Siddaramaiah seeking introduction of inner reservation among SC communities.

Cleanliness drive launched for KSRTC's 671 rural buses

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (MTY&BCT)- To ensure better service for the increasing number of passengers on the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses, the Mysuru Rural Division has launched a two-month cleanliness campaign.

The initiative aims to keep buses in top condition and provide a comfortable travel experience. The campaign comes in response to the rising ridership driven by the Karnataka Government's ambitious 'Shakti' scheme that offers free travel for women.

The drive covers buses operating daily from Mysuru to various interstate, district, city and town destinations. The Mysore Rural Division runs 671 buses, transporting over 5,000 passengers across multiple trips each day. In response to the growing passenger volume, the KSRTC is implementing cleanliness measures in a phased manner.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Rural Divisional Controller Srinivas said that the campaign involves daily inspections, with buses dispatched for operations only after thorough cleaning and maintenance.

As part of the initiative, torn seats will be replaced, broken window panes fixed and necessary inspections, including docking, carried out. Dedicated staff members have been assigned to ensure the buses are consistently clean and well-maintained, he confirmed.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gregarious

Pronunciation: grih-GAIR-ee-us (adjective).
Meaning: To describe someone who enjoys the company of other people.
Origin: Everyone knows that birds of a feather flock together, so it comes as no surprise that gregarious was applied mainly to animals when it first began appearing in English texts in the 17th century. After all, gregarious comes from the Latin noun grex, meaning "flock" or "herd," and it's tough to avoid being social when you're part of a flock, flying and roosting cheek by jowl (or beak) with your fellow feathered friends. Take starlings, for example, which congregate in massive numbers—we define the word starling as "any of a family of usually dark gregarious birds," meaning that starlings are inclined to associate with others of their kind. By the 18th century gregarious was being used to describe social human beings as well, be they chatty Cathys or convivial Connors who relish being in the company of others.
Example: "How can we reap the benefits of deep connection if we are not naturally gregarious and extroverted? But as I have delved into the evidence, I have discovered that our social skills are like our muscles—the more we use them, the stronger they become. Even self-declared introverts can learn to be more sociable, if they wish." — David Robson, BBC, 23 July 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Gaminesque

Playful; impish; boyish.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Graveyard Shift

Meaning: Work stint between midnight and 8 am.
Origin: The term "graveyard shift" (sometimes called the "graveyard watch," especially in a maritime setting) originates from America in the late 1800s. It refers to the early hours of the morning when all is quiet, to the extent that it seems eery or ghostly, like a graveyard.
Competing Theory: The "graveyard watch" was a term used by sailors. It referred to the early hours of the morning, when most accidents occurred due to tiredness. Accidents cause deaths, and this explains the association with graveyards. This theory is supported by the 1927 publication "A Glossary of Sea Terms": "Graveyard watch, the middle watch or 12 to 4 a.m., because of the number of disasters that occur at this time."
Example: I'm on the graveyard shift tonight, dear. Can you take the kids to school in the morning?

QUOTE BOX

Spend more time doing things that make you forget about the time.

— Charlotte Eriksson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TRACK

Answer: On the right track.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 The seaman's unit of speed
5 "Sea", in French
8 Widen by using a boring tool
12 Scottish island
13 Unseal - poetically speaking !
14 Former name of Mongolia's capital
15 You too in Latin (2,2)
16 Scots "own"
17 A young salmon
18 Roman seven
19 Levy paid to the government on what one earns? (6,3)
21 At once, in short
23 Very small
24 Certifying, bearing witness
28 Navigation Mgmnt. Sys.
31 Put away
32 Haw's partner?
33 Architect Saarinen
34 Sugar suffix
35 Type of Chinese soup (5-4)
37 Prohibit
38 Tack on
39 Going on board
44 Rumanian coin
47 Speaks or utters
48 Integrated Modular Avionics
49 Suffers some illness
50 Phoenician port
51 Natl. Acad. of Sciences
52 Am Natl Stds Inst.
53 Did garden work
54 Greenwich Mean Time
55 Periods of time

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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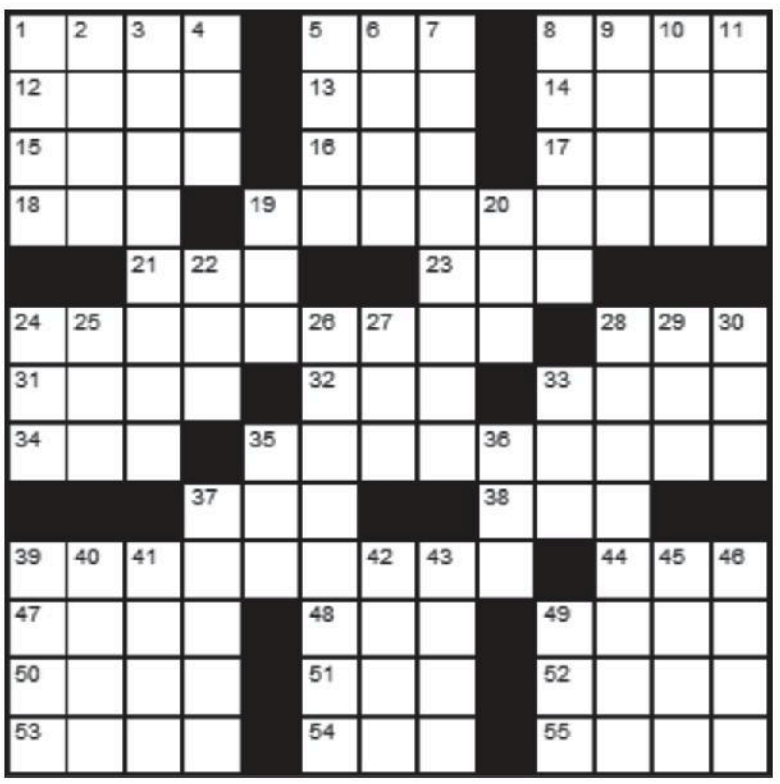
DOWN

1 Capital of Ukraine
2 Words of denial (3,1)
3 At your full height, should we say? (2,3-3)
4 Greek letter
5 Sound of pain
6 Large scale
7 Famous
8 Our currency
9 Part of QED
10 Taj Mahal site
11 Karl ___ : the father of Communism?
19 Binet-Simon test measurements
20 Actress __ Ryan
22 Condensed moisture
24 Kyushu mountain
25 Text to speech, acronym
26 Reasoning or philosophy
27 Comparative ending ?
28 Irritating
29 Married woman sometimes
30 Tippler or drunkard
33 Farthest limit
35 A barrister has been called to it
36 To sink or hang down in the middle
37 Stationed
39 Bible book abbr.
40 Salad dressing
41 A cow-shed
42 Mosque leader
43 Political cartoonist Thomas
45 Ultimatum conclusion
46 United States Information Service, acronym?
49 Battery size



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

9	4	2	1	5	3	7	8	6
6	1	3	4	7	8	5	2	9
8	5	7	9	6	2	3	1	4
3	2	5	7	8	4	9	6	1
4	6	9	2	3	1	8	5	7
7	8	1	5	9	6	2	4	3
2	9	6	3	1	5	4	7	8
5	3	8	6	4	7	1	9	2
1	7	4	8	2	9	6	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XLMPN HN PTMMIQ UTQPE LQ VNQ FX QTWN

IFG GNONMKN DC TDFXLMK LQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Keep in mind that neither success nor failure is ever final.

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Disney's Snow White (E)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 12.20 pm, 2.40 pm, 5 pm
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
The Diplomat (H)	(S-1)	7.20 pm
Yaariyan (H)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
Barget Basya (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Asthram (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Court: State Vs A Nobody (Te)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10.20 pm
Ballari Jille Ballari Taluk Grama Yalpi (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Dragon (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm; (S-4) 10.20 am
Pintu Ki Pappi (H)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-3)	7 pm
Ghatak (H)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Appu (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Shanmukha (Te)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 9.45 pm

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Forest (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
Ballari Jille Ballari Taluk Grama Yalpi (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Asthram (Ta)	(S-1)	7 pm
Shanmukha (Te)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Pintu Ki Pappi (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 3.55 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-2)	6.30 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Disney's Snow White (E)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 4.05 pm, 9.20 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	(S-3)	6.15 pm

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Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	11.30 am, 7 pm
Court: State Vs A Nobody (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Yevade Subramanyam (Te)	:	12.25 pm
Appu (K)	:	12.35 pm, 6.30 pm
Shanmukha (Te)	:	1.30 pm
Kiss Kiss Kissik (K)	:	3.05 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	3.20 pm, 9.45 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
The Karate Kid (1984) (E)	:	4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Dangal (H)	:	6 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	:	6 pm
Interstellar (E)	:	10 pm

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Appu (K)	:	10 am, 3.55 pm, 10.05 pm
Disney's Snow White (E)	:	10.55 am, 1.25 pm, 3.20 pm, 7 pm
Forest (K)	:	12.20 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	1 pm
Court: State Vs A Nobody (Te)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Narayana Narayana (K)	:	5.50 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	6.55 pm
Barget Basya (K)	:	9 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 25)

- **Sahara Arts & Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind Old DC office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Kalasourabha:** Karnataka Classical Music Study Camp-2025 by Vidushi Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Kalasourabha, Ramakrishnanagar, **4 pm.** [Mob: 94806-38815]
- **Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust, Mysuru and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Audio-Video Screening of 'Kailasa mattu Manasasarowara Darshana' by retd. Additional Secretary to the Government of India C.V. Gopinath, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust President Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao presides, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana Mysuru, Mysuru Jilla Havyasi Rangakarmigala Vedike, Department of Kannada & Culture, Karnataka Nataka Academy and Karnataka Sahitya Academy:** Vishwa Ranga Sambhrama-2025, staging of play 'Bankapurada Bayalata' by Abhinaya Taranga, Bengaluru, originally written in Hindi by Mani Madhukar, translated to Kannada by Dr. H.M. Kumaraswamy, directed by Manjunath L. Badiger, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rotary Club of Mysore West:** Launch of 'Save a Child' project expansion programme, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, CFTRI Director Sridevi Annapurna Singh chief guest, Rotary Mysore West School, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 26)

- **Maharatna Trust, Mysuru:** International Women's Day celebrations, sports/games and cultural programmes for women, inauguration by Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women Associate Professor P. Shivanna and Trust Founder-President M. Mysore Mahalingu, Basava Samiti, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am.**
- **Sahara Arts & Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind Old DC office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust, Mysuru and Negilayogi Mahila Kshemabhivruddhi Sangha:** Women's Day, Vidyavardhaka College Administrative Officer Dr. T.C. Poornima chief guest, felicitation to KSOU Asst. Professor Dr. Sumithra, social worker Meena Kumari and yoga enthusiast N. Hasini, Sangha premises, opposite New Law Courts Complex, K.G. Koppal, **11 am.**
- **Sri Bramharshi Agasthya Lopamudra Jnanapeetha, Mysuru and Ayodhya Publications, Bengaluru:** Book release programme — 'Agasthya Darshana,' a book co-authored by Dr. M.N. Sudha and O. Sham Bhat — Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji and Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt's Brahmachari Prasadamrutha Chaitanya will grace the occasion, Star of Mysore and Mysuru Mithra Founder-Editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy and Mythic Society President V. Nagaraj chief guests, JSS College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ooty Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Rangayana Mysuru, Mysuru Jilla Havyasi Rangakarmigala Vedike, Department of Kannada & Culture, Karnataka Nataka Academy and Karnataka Sahitya Academy:** Vishwa Ranga Sambhrama-2025, staging of play 'Clytemnestra,' originally written by Greek playwright Aeschylus, translated to Kannada by Amit J. Reddy, directed by Nagarjun Aradhya, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

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Chhaava (H)	:	10.35 am, 5.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Disney's Snow White (E)	:	10.35 am, 1.40 pm, 4.55 pm 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Appu (K)	:	10.40 am, 12 noon, 1.55 pm, 7.20 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	1 pm, 3 pm, 9.15 pm
Mickey 17 (E)	:	3.55 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	4.05 pm
Yaariyan (H)	:	6.50 pm
Ghatak (H)	:	9.50 pm

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Disney's Snow White (E)	:	10.55 am, 1.20 pm, 4.40, 7.05, 9.30 pm
Pelli Kani Prasad (Te)	:	11.05 am
Shanmukha (Te)	:	12 noon
Court: State Vs A Nobody (Te)	:	12.30 pm, 10 pm
Appu (K)	:	1.40 pm
Ballari Jille Ballari Taluk Grama Yalpi (K)	:	2.35 pm
Pintu Ki Pappi (H)	:	3.35 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	3.45 pm
Narayana Narayana (K)	:	5.10 pm
Lamhe (H)	:	6.25 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	7.05 pm
Barget Basya (K)	:	7.40 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	:	10.10 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EPFO's Nidhi Aapke Nikat

Mysuru, Mar. 25- District Outreach Programme, under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0, will be conducted by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, on Mar. 27 from 9 am onwards at Branch Office - Devaraja Mohalla, ESI Corporation, ESI Dispensary Building, 2nd Floor, Krishnavilas Road, near Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru; Welspun Corp Limited, 8th Cross, Chamundeshwari Nagar, Mandya and DCBO-Chamarajanagar, ESI Corporation, 11B, 1st Cross, Brahmarambha Extension, Chamarajanagar.

Stakeholders like PF Members, Pensioners, Employers etc. may attend the programme for awareness, queries and information. For details, contact PRO on Ph: 0821-2599200/ 222 or e-mail on *ro.mysore@epfindia.gov.in* or visit Social Media Platform *(@epfomysore)* of Regional Office, Mysuru, according to the Regional PF Commissioner, Regional Office, Mysuru.

KSCA's selection trials for women

Mysuru, Mar. 25- The Open Selection Trials to pick Mysuru Zone women's cricket team will be held at SDNR Wadiyar Grounds in city on Mar. 27 from 9 am onwards.

Girls above 15 years and below 25 years as on 1.9.2025 are eligible to take part. On the selection trials day, candidates have to report at 8.30 am at the venue in cricketing attire, according to a press release from KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor R.K. Harikrishna Kumar.

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